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OPC BOARD TAKING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST FUND

By EUGENE DU BOIS

The countdown moves inexorably towards July 22 — the "D for Dispossession Day" set by counsel for the Correspondents Fund of the Overseas Press Club of America Inc. unless that group's officers and trustees can be persuaded to the contrary.

And so the Board of Governors of the parent OPC has taken a fighting step to

save the clubhouse, and with it the Club, by preparing legal action of its own.

At an emergency meeting on June 19, by 11 to 4 majority vote, the Board authorized engagement of the firm of Bergerman & Hourwich as special legal counsel to the Club to protect its interests by blocking eviction and establishing its equity rights in the 54 West 40th Street building.

Kaye and Eugene Vogel. At this meeting Kaye summarily rejected all seven OPC proposals seeking an extension of time in which to find solutions to the rent problem, or means to obtain higher financial returns from operations or disposal of the building, or agreement on some formula for division of the proceeds should a buyer or lessor be found for the property. He even refused to assist in setting a date for further discussion.

Kaye indicated that the only thing which might forestall eviction would be commencement of an action by the Club against the Fund leading to issuance of a Court injunction.

Thus forced to join battle with its own offspring, the Club has fortunately found an experienced, knowledgeable and willing field commander to conduct

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Book Night Entry: Talese on The Times

A human portrait of a great newspaper — but one which does not enjoy official approval from its subject — will be spotlighted at Wednesday's Book Night with author Gay Talese.



Gay Talese

The book is *The Kingdom and the Power*, and the subject is The New York Times and the people who run it.

Talese, a 10-year veteran of the Times newsroom, researched his subject for several years, interviewing executives and members of the Sulzberger family and hundreds of current and former Timesmen.

The resulting book presents a picture of the people, the politics and the corporate power within the paper and without — power often unseen but felt around the nation, in the White House, the Senate, on Wall Street and abroad in the world's capitals.

Anita Diamant Berke, Book Night Committee chairman, arranged the evening, which begins with 6:30 p.m. cocktails and dinner at 7:30.

See Open Letter From the President re: The Correspondents Fund on Page 2.

This action followed close upon a superficially amicable conference on June 16 between the Club's counsel, Frank Wachsmith and Philip Wittenberg, and counsel for the Fund, Sydney M.

COVERING ROCKY OFTEN WAS DANGEROUS, BUT NOT ALWAYS

By JOE McGOWAN

LIMA — Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's trip through Latin America has kept the newsmen based south of the Rio Grande busy, and sometimes in danger.

This reporter, plus Miami-based AP photog Jim Bourdier, and ABC soundman Bob Sullivan, received some roughing up by student demonstrators during Rocky's visit to Quito, Ecuador.

Taxi drivers there refused during the height of the demonstrations to take passengers they recognized as "Gringos." Ron Maiorano, Rockefeller press officer, and Ellen Schlafly, St. Louis-Post Dispatch, were in a taxi which was stoned by students in Quito.

Newsmen accompanying Rockefeller flew in a chartered Panam jetliner staffed, as always on these occasions, with a truly first class cabin crew. The

The pursers and hostesses couldn't do enough for the newsmen.

Minutes after landing in LaPaz, Bolivia, the press corps engaged in a brief but fierce argument with a US Embassy official who told the reporters they could not go into the city. The official, acting administrative officer, was finally encouraged to "fade away" by the embassy PAO, Jack Higgins, who agreed to help find transportation for those who wanted to see LaPaz. Most of the reporters eventually decided to stay at the airport — particularly in view of a warning they could not be guaranteed a return in time for the takeoff for Port of Spain. But NYTimesman Juan de Onis took a quick tour of the city which was too "dangerous" for Rockefeller. He reported it looked like a normal Saturday.

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AN OPEN LETTER RE: THE CORRESPONDENTS FUND

TO THE OPC MEMBERS:

The time has come for plain talk about the Overseas Press Club of America and its troubled relations with the "Correspondents Fund of the Overseas Press Club of America, Inc."

Until now such talk would have been harmful. But all other persuasion of the Fund having failed, it has now become clear to the Club's Board of Governors that the issue is OPC's life or death. In such circumstances, silence has stopped being prudent. In fact, it would be pernicious.

Here is the nub of the situation:

The Club believes that the Fund's Board of Trustees has completely mistaken its origins, as well as the purposes of the money collected for and delivered to it by the OPC.

The Fund was created by the Club. Its ten Founder-Directors were named by the Club. In 1952, and again in 1959, moneys were raised by the Club for the Fund in order to acquire headquarters for the Club (on East 39th Street and later on West 40th Street as a Memorial Press Center).

Contributions were solicited from OPC members and others for these purposes. Before and since, capital was also raised for the Fund by OPC-initiated film premieres, TV spectacles, annual dinners and other sources.

As late as 1963, when the Correspondents Fund asked the OPC membership for more money, it set out in its fund-raising circular that, of its approximate \$880,000 in assets, about \$800,000 represented the purchase of the 40th Street building and moneys paid for repairs and improvements ordered by the Club.

Position Reversed

The Fund has now reversed its position. It asserts that the principal objective of the money raised from OPCers and their friends — the Club building — is the Fund's property. Further, the Fund has served legal notice under which, if implemented, the Club would be deprived of its headquarters and thrown out into the street.

A Committee appointed by the President and Board of Governors has recommended — after prayerful study and after numerous contacts with the Fund — that the Board of Governors authorize the engagement of a firm of attorneys to defend the Club's interests. And the Board of Governors has done so, rejecting the intolerable alternative of meekly awaiting eviction.

We believe that the fraternal spirit in which the Fund was established and was helped to grow strong must and will prevail.

We hope and expect that the Fund's Directorate will negotiate with the Club from now on not about questions of alleged moneys owed but about the most equitable way to assure the Club's survival and continued development in the headquarters which the money collected by the Club for that purpose has provided.

We regret having been compelled, by the Fund's obdurate position, to seek legal redress. We are convinced that negotiations across the table are preferable to courtroom arguments. If there are members who can intervene with individual Trustees of the Fund at this crucial juncture, they will be performing a valuable service.

Hal Lehrman, President

PEOPLE & PLACES

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: **Geraldine Sartain** sends greetings from California, where she is vacationing for the summer with headquarters in San Francisco, where she grew up and had her first newspaper job on the Chronicle. . . . UPI roving reporter **Dirck Halstead** back in NY after four months in Spain, other parts of Europe and the Mid-East. He is currently working on a photo essay on Army Chief of Staff William C. Westmoreland. . . .

C. Mackie Cornwall in from a photojournalism assignment in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and Colombia. . . . **Peter F. Greene**, publisher of Exporters' Encyclopedia and Business Abroad, back from London, Paris and Istanbul, where he covered the International Chamber of Commerce World Congress in early June. . . . **Walter H. Diamond**, manager of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., returned from a two-week visit to Finland and Lapland where he consulted with Finnish Government officials on ways to improve US Finnish trade relations and to attract American private capital. He was accompanied by his wife Dorothy, columnist and freelancer, who had several travel assignments in Finland. . . . **Ruediger von Wechmar**, consul general and director of the German Information Center, returned from annual conference of Foreign Correspondents of West German Television in Bonn. Wechmar is on leave from Television to head GIC in NY.

CHECKING IN: **Martin P. Houseman** from Caracas. . . . **Noel Fox** from Denmark. . . . **Ron Taggiasco** from Italy.

NEW POSTS: **John J. Karch**, recently chief of the European Division Voice of America, to the USSR as deputy director of Education USA Exhibit, a part of the Soviet-US Exchange Agreement. The exhibit opens July 1 in Leningrad; goes to Kiev, Moscow, Novosibirsk, Tashkent and ends in Baku in June, 1970. . . . **Otto Janssen** has joined Daniel S. Rohe advertising and PR firm in NY, as account executive. . . . **Robert L. Dunne** formerly director of Newspaper Service for This Week, appointed PR consultant to the Carey International Chauffeur Driven System. . . . **Beryl L. Reuber** named director of PR of the Mount Sinai Medical Center. . . . **Milton M. Levenson** to the Lobenz Public Relations Co. as a vice president. . . . **Henry F. Schulte** former UPI staffer and since 1965 associate professor of Journalism at Pennsylvania State, to Syracuse U. as full professor and chairman of the newspaper department of the Syracuse School of Journalism.

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WHO'S WHO IN THE CORRESPONDENTS FUND

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Screws Tightening on Press Freedom in Argentina

By STEVE YOLEN

BUENOS AIRES — Turn by turn, the screws are being tightened on traditional press freedoms in Argentina.

The process since President Juan Carlos Onganía came to power through a military coup three years ago has been gradual, and the cumulative effect is only beginning to show. But the withering of press freedom is being felt by the foreign as well as the local press community in the country.

The government still insists there is full freedom of the press in Argentina and to prove its point argues that critics can say just about anything they want. Which is pretty much true.

Other Ways

But there are other ways to whittle away at freedom of information, ways which do not directly touch on the basic right to criticize, yet construct the news media's actions.

There have been, among others, these developments:

— The government news agency TELAM is being upgraded into an effective arm of national promotion. Recently, it was announced all government advertising will be channeled through it. The government claims TELAM will place publicity in newspapers regardless of the publication's political slant. Government critics warn the substantial advertising funds TELAM has available could be used to coerce newspapers to follow a certain line or risk loss of lucrative revenue.

— The Foreign Ministry has concluded an agreement with the "Foreign Press Association" to act as authorizing agent to provide press credentials for foreign newsmen based in Argentina. However, many major US and European news organizations and their representatives neither are members of the Association nor are bothering to obtain their credentials through it, preferring to remain apart from an officialist organization.

Barred from Anteroom

— Reporters at the Casa Rosada, the pink presidential palace, have been barred from the anteroom to Onganía's office, thus effectively also barring

them from interviewing visiting officials, one of the few times high-ranking government members are accessible to the press. This has been a serious blow to the public's right-to-know.

— A stiff censorship law regulating the contents of films and stage plays is in effect. Moreover, foreign magazines undergo scrutiny and are banned if their contents are ruled by the government to be in bad taste or subversive. Recent bannings have included Playboy and Cosmopolitan.

— Newsmen throughout Argentina have complained about allegedly premeditated attacks against them by police while covering recent disorders in the country. During student-worker violence in late May, police hurled teargas into the newsroom of a Cordoba newspaper. An Associated Press photographer had his camera smashed and was nearly arrested while covering a demonstration in Buenos Aires.

Onganía never has been readily available to newsmen while president. He has not given what could really be called a "press conference", and few journalists — foreign or local — have ever held on-the-record interviews with him. His inaccessibility has generally carried over to other government officials, many of whom have been actively hostile to the press.

However, a significant crack has recently appeared in the otherwise semi-hermetically sealed government information facade. After a cabinet change in June, the new Interior Minister, Gen. Francisco Imaz (R.) called newsmen into his office and said it would be his policy to hold regular press briefings because he believed the public should be better informed about its government's activities.

If Imaz keeps his word, perhaps the anti-information trends of the past three years can be reversed.

NEW YORK SCENE

Edited by BEULAH HARRIS

Wed., July 2 — Book Night. Gay Talese, *The Kingdom and The Power*, the story of The New York Times and the family that occupies the throne. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. \$6. (See story, page 1.)

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Javits to Answer Teller

Thurs., July 10 — Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum, with Senator Jacob Javits who will speak in opposition to Nixon's "Safeguard," the Antiballistic Missile program to come before the Senate. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. \$6.



Senator Javits

New York Senator Javits' opposition to the ABM is based more on its timing than on a flat opposition to the project itself, his press aide told The Bulletin this week. Javits believes that the current disarmament negotiations now going on in Europe could be seriously impaired by the move for ABM. His personal preference would be to hold off on the ABM project — perhaps for another five or six months.

This position puts Javits in contrast not only with that of famed physicist Edward Teller, whose recent appearance at the OPC was in support of ABM, but with a number of other ABM opponents, who say the system will cost too much, won't work and will step up the arms race.

Current plans are for the Senate Armed Services committee to clear the military procurement bill, which contains the ABM authorization, before the July 4 recess. This means the measure will be ready for floor action by July 7 and 8 — and Javits' talk will probably come at the height of the debate.

Boyan Chukanoff arranged the evening.

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Thurs., Aug. 14 — Hawaiian Beach Party in the Bistro. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. \$6.

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.

O'ROURKE DATE SHIFTED

The appearance of Francis E. ("Frank") O'Rourke, former executive director of the OPC, in Manhattan Criminal Court on charges of second degree grand larceny is again postponed. He was to have made his pleading June 16, but the Court has now set a new date of September 18.

WORLD-WIDE TICKER

ROCKEFELLER

(From page 1)

This reporter and William Montalbano of The Miami Herald stayed on in LaPaz for a look at the political situation there, one month after President Barrientos' death.

The embassy press officer in LaPaz, Vytautas Dambrava, leaves on July 3 for a new post in Monterrey, Mexico. Dambrava is one of the most capable men on the circuit, and the embassy is certain to feel his loss in Bolivia.

Among correspondents joining Rocky were Bob Erlandsen, Baltimore Sun, Rio; and Carlos Villar-Borda, UPI, Bogota.

After Rockefeller completed his second tour, Ellen Schlafly took a swing through Venezuela and over to Peru while waiting to rejoin Rocky in Brazil on his third trip.

The Peruvian military government is demonstrating more strongly each day its intolerance of press criticism. The government last month deported Enrique Zileri, publisher of the magazine Caretas. When Zileri's mother, Doris Gibson, published the next issue two weeks later, June 11, police confiscated all copies. Zileri had criticized the military government for a new law permitting mandatory retirement of certain officers, and has reported a rumor that the army had quietly given itself a substantial pay raise.

Even the US military in Peru was on the defensive. The chief of the military missions, under orders from Peru to leave the country, refused to permit photos of American military families packing or preparing to leave.

And in Bolivia, US Ambassador Raul H. Castro, treated newsmen as though they were distinctly undesirable citizens. We reproduce verbatim Embassy notice No. 30/69, dated May 2, 1969:

To: All Americans of all agencies.

From: The Ambassador

Subject: Mission Contacts with Newsmen

This is a reminder that all contacts with news writers should be made through the Information Officer, USIS. If a newsman - American, local or foreign - contacts you directly, you should refer him first to the Information officer to make appointments.

It is recognized that sometimes this is impossible. You may run into a newsman at a party or one may unexpectedly show up in your office. In these cases you should as soon as possible tell the Information Officer of the visit, the name of the newsman concerned, and the subject of your conversation.

Any member of the Mission who becomes aware of the presence of an American correspondent in Bolivia should let the Information Officer know as soon as feasible.

By DENNIS REDMONT

ROME — Slowly, but oh, how slowly, the Vatican is amending its ways with the press corps. A case in point was Pope Paul's longest day — last June 10.

For his seventh and shortest trip abroad, Pope Paul VI chose Geneva to salute the International Labor Organization and the World Council of Churches.

Somehow inspired by Swiss efficiency, newsmen did not come out so badly if they tagged along with the Pope on the Swissair Convair 990 for the all-inclusive, 15 hour Rome-Geneva-Rome trip.

The Maison de la Presse in Geneva took care of the accreditations, badges, mimeographed fact sheets on everything from cuckoo clocks to ecumenism. In Rome, at regular intervals, the Vatican Press Center released texts in five languages



CYPRIOI INTERVIEW: Dr. T.W. Adams, normally based in Washington, bids goodbye to Archbishop Makarios, Cyprus president, after an interview in Nicosia last month.

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of more than 18 (that's right, 18) speeches that the Pope pronounced during his jaunt.

Msgr. Fausto Vallainc also passed several kilos of texts out to accompanying reporters.

The main problem was that the press buses always left each papal stopping point more than 10 minutes before the Pope was finished. You either caught the bus, missed the ending and arrived on time for the next speech, or you banked on Lady Luck to produce a rare commodity — the Geneva taxicab.

About 400 newsmen covered the trip. The Rome contingent included on the Papal plane: Robert Doty, New York Times; Louis Fleming, Los Angeles Times; Don Larrimore, Westinghouse Broadcasting; Jim O'Neill, National Catholic News Service; Wilton Wynn, Time Life; Patrick O'Keefe, AP, and Bill Pepper, freelance.

Others foregoing the sparkling French wine and the ham and eggs combination on the one-hour voyage included Ray Moseley, UPI; AP Rome's Gerald Miller and, Frankfurt AP chief Richard K O'Malley, who went to Geneva on their own.

Post Scriptum to prospective eleventh hour cancellers: the Vatican Press Office gets red-hot sore when any newsman cancels out at the last minute. Newsweek's Ellen Sullivan was upbraided for canceling out four days before, because her magazine wanted her in Geneva beforehand. Many newsmen wondered whether this

NBC CAMERAMAN WOUNDED TWICE

NBC News cameraman Peter Bellendorf was wounded by mortar fragments June 13 while covering US American Division in a campaign near Duc Pho, south of Chu Lai in South Vietnam.

Bellendorf and soundman Phan Bach Dang, traveling with the lead element of an air assault by Company B, 4th Battalion, 21st Regiment, were pinned down by heavy machine gun and mortar fire. Bellendorf moved up to the point to film the action and was hit in the right

thigh by a mortar fragment. After company medics had dragged him back out of range of machine gun fire, four mortar rounds exploded close by and he was hit again by fragments in his upper right arm and shoulder. Because of rough terrain, it took 30 minutes for a landing zone to be chopped out before helicopters could land to remove him to a first aid station at Duc Pho and later to an Army Hospital in Qui Nhon. Bellendorf is expected to return to his assignment within a few weeks.

DINING ROOM MOVE GETS NPC IN SNIT

By JESSIE STEARNS

WASHINGTON — **John W. (Pat) Hefernan**, president of the National Press Club, wanted to cut the club's deficit and so moved the luncheon facilities of the NPC quarters from the East lounge to the "Fourteenth Estate" — the 14th floor library.

Seven members of the nine-member library committee quit in a snit over the move, and older members protested moving the library.

Consequently the lunch facilities in the library were closed, and so was the East Lounge, which was losing \$15,000 annually. The latter was the only place in the club where newswomen and wives of members could eat at noon-time.

The House Committee is examining space available close to the kitchen, hoping to restore lunchtime privileges to the women. They may now, as in the past, eat and drink in the main lounge and dining room after 5 p.m.



BISTRO EVENT: The 99th Street Bombers (above) headlined the recent Bistro Night at the Club, featuring these four-year olds as dancers. The inter-racial group also comprised a band of steel drums, maracas and tambourines. Also entertaining was the folk-singing duo, Jeff and Gerrett Warner (right). Hostess **Li Ling-Ai** (below, left) gives out some gusto along with a door prize of Barbados rum (Barbados Tourist Bureau), which went to **Marcel Ventura**. Other lucky winners were Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar Rose** (below, right), who won round trip tickets to Puerto Rico, donated by Trans-Caribbean Airlines President **O. Roy Chalk**. Another prize was **Moritz Jagendorf's** book on Folk Lore of Wines, donated by the author and won by **Hans Jepson**. The Bash was planned by Bistro Committee members **Miss Li, Dorothy Ingling, Lisa Hoffman** and **Jagendorf**.

(Photos by *Lisa Hoffman*)



CPS WAYS

he occurred because the price of the Papal ticket to Geneva was nearly twice as high as a regular round trip fare, and more Vatican monsignors were flown up any this time than usual. . .

Other Rome tidbits: both AP and UPI had some springtime reshuffling. AP's **Gerald Miller** is resigning to take a producer-reporter spot with CBS in Rome on the staff with **Winston Burdett** and **Frank Keams**. **David Mazzarella**, a Rome alumnus, is returning from his post as AP correspondent in Lisbon to take Miller's news editor spot. Italian staffer **Piero de Garzaroli** is taking the Lisbon job. On the UPI side, Lisbon is also providing the manpower with UPI Lisbon manager **Ed Khavessian**, basing in Rome as business manager for Italy and the Middle East. **Ray Moseley** has been promoted to time manager for Italy. . .

NBC's Irving Levine settling back for the summer after a trip to the United States where he received an honorary degree from Brown, his alma mater. . . **Anne Turner Bruno** passing through on her way back from New York to Istanbul. . . **Arthur Morse**, ex-CBS, executive director of the new International Broadcasting Institute based in Rome, off to the States for brief leave. . . Rome film-watchers contingent back from Cannes include **Melton Davis**, Mutual Broadcasting; **Tom Rowe**, Film Daily; **Hank Werba**, Variety, and **Dennis Redmont**, AP.

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its legal offensive: George Kennan Hourwich. This able man was admitted to the bar in 1928, after attending Harvard College, studying at the Sorbonne, and winning his LL.B. cum laude from Fordham Law School. He has served as chairman of the Committees on Bankruptcy of both the N.Y. County Lawyers Association and of the Association of the Bar of the City of N.Y.

His partner, Milton Bergerman, also joined the bar in 1928 following graduation from Columbia College and Columbia Law School. He is the author of "New York Annotated Real Property Forms", has served on the Commission on the Revision and Simplification of the State Constitution by appointment of both Governors Harriman and Rockefeller and on the Mayor's Committee on Judicial Selection during the Wagner administration. He is serving currently as President of the non-partisan Citizens Union.

On another front, OPC President *Hal Lehrman* has successfully recruited, with the aid of founder member *Irene Corbally Kuhn*, the advisory services of an outstanding real estate authority who happens also to be familiar with club operations: Morgan Dix Wheelock. He is head of the firm Braislin, Porter & Wheelock Inc. and President of the Harvard Club of New York. It will be his task to explore ways and means through which OPC might still meet its obligations to the Fund through some better revenue-producing or more economical use of the building.

Meanwhile, an urgent telegraphic appeal has been sent by President Lehrman to a limited and carefully chosen list of "notably solvent" members requesting their immediate help in gifts or loans. His message read in part:

"The Club is in real danger. By next Spring we expect to be operationally in the black thanks to stern economies and new income-producing activities. Because of loyal membership assessment responses we have been able already to pay \$47,000 in back Federal taxes with good hope that continued as-

essment response plus collection of insurance on missing funds will pay the remaining arrears.

"But Operation Bootstrap cannot make a dent in the inherited deficit — especially since OPC is a nonprofit organization supporting public-service programs like press freedom and journalistic awards which are all outlay and no income. Even after Federal taxes this will be close to \$200,000 . . . OPC has survived for thirty years. It has made significant contributions to journalism and the nation. It now turns desperately to a few of its stalwart friends . . . for an outright gift, or a loan (to) provide the time needed for full financial recovery."

Lehrman's message supplements letters sent last week by *Farley Manning*, chairman, inviting prominent Club members to serve on his Sponsors Committee seeking corporate, media and institutional support.

In evidence of its claim of equity in the clubhouse which it holds under long-term lease from the Correspondents Fund, the OPC refers to a letter distributed by the Fund to the entire OPC membership on March 11, 1963, most recent of the several occasions on which the Fund has sought Club aid in obtaining contributions and bequests.

While much of the letter defined the Fund's role in providing "temporary emergency relief" to deserving news men who have served overseas and may be in financial distress, or to their dependents, it also traced the Fund's history and development since it was incorporated in 1943. Said the letter:

"Since the Fund was created to meet a specific need of present and former correspondents, the Overseas Press Club assumed responsibility from the outset for providing means necessary to accomplish this purpose. For some years, proceeds from the Club's annual dinners augmented the Fund's capital.

"Then, under the leadership of the late *William P. Gray* while he was Club president, a money-raising campaign was launched in 1952 for the dual purpose of creating a Memorial Press Center and increasing the Fund's capital. The outcome was the purchase by the Fund of property at 35 East 39th Street, which was leased to the Club as a Memorial Press Center.

"By 1959 these quarters were outgrown. A second fund-raising campaign, this time for development of a World Press Center, likewise won Club support. Contributions by members and others enabled the Fund to sell the East 39th Street property in late 1960 and buy a larger and more suitable building at 54 West 40th Street, which is presently leased to the Club as a Memorial Press Center for 99 years with a return to the Fund of 4½% of the Capital invested.

"From a cash position of \$9,711.90 on May 13, 1943, four months after the Fund was founded, the Fund assets had grown to approximately \$882,000 by January 1, 1963. \$600,000 of this amount is the initial cost of the building . . . an additional \$172,000 represents money paid by the Fund for repairs and improvements. . . . all these repairs and improvements were ordered by the Club and paid for from the Building Account of the Fund earmarked for that purpose to be expended at the discretion and by order of the Club".

AUDITOR LETTERS

Will all members who have not replied to the requests from Club auditors on confirmation of the state of their accounts please comply as soon as possible.

This will help effectuate the coming certified public audit, the first in Club history.

FRENCH CONSUL ON FRANCE, DE GAULLE

French Consul General Jean Beliard sought to separate the entities of de Gaulle and France — or at least to dissuade his OPC listeners against the popular idea that de Gaulle thinks those entities are the same — at the June 19 Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum.

Positions taken by the government on such issues as NATO and opposition to US Viet Nam policy are indeed those of France, and not just de Gaulle personally, he emphasized. De Gaulle was within his rights and responsibilities as a leader in espousing them.

Answering criticism of de Gaulle for denying planes to Israel amid current Mideast turmoil, Beliard recalled a similar, and he thought more drastic, stance was taken with England by President

Eisenhower during the 1956 Suez crisis.

Beliard's remarks were principally in response to opening remarks by European affairs writer and Murrow Forum panelist *Christopher Emmett*. De Gaulle's preoccupation with grandeur, Emmett said, often mitigated not only against the best interests of the world but of France herself.

Another panelist, Agence France Presse correspondent Georges Wolfe said there appeared to be widespread misinterpretation of de Gaulle and his government, which in many cases was unfair.

The event was arranged by *Anita Diamant Berke*, and OPC President *Hal Lehrman* moderated an extensive question and answer session.

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TICKER

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JAPAN FCC ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

By AL KAFF

TOKYO — Ugo Puntieri, Far East Bureau Chief of the Italian News Agency Agenzia Nazionale Stampa Associata (ANSA), was elected president of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan for the year starting July 1 in one of the biggest elections since the club was founded in 1945.

About 217 of the club's 243 regular

members cast ballots in the week-long voting which ended at noon June 20. Puntieri will succeed **Henry Hartzenbusch**, AP, who will become an ex-officio member of the board of directors for the coming year.

Other officers elected for the coming year: first vice president, **Frank Gibney**, Encyclopedia Britannica; second vice president, Chujo Watanabe, Kyodo News Service; secretary, Max Desfor, AP; treasurer, Shinobu Higashi, AP. Directors-at-large: **Albert E. Kaff**, UPI; Lee Chia, Central News Agency (Taiwan); Julius C. Zenier of Zenier Brothers TV News, and **Alvin E. Culison**, Daily Telegraph of London.

June was VIP month in the Tokyo Press Club with two prime ministers and one foreign minister. Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, leader of Japan's conservative government, spoke at a black tie dinner and lingered on 50 minutes past his scheduled departure to answer questions on Japan's efforts to regain control of Okinawa from the United States.

Gordon Freeth, Australia's minister for external affairs, spoke at a professional lunch. And 570 persons asked for reservations in the dining room, (capacity 340) to hear a luncheon address by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India June 27.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

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ARTICLES: Though he's theoretically living in retirement on Hilton Head Island, S.C., **Ralph Hilton** has the lead piece, "Henry of the Tower," in the June Foreign Service Journal. It is an excerpt from a book, "World-wide Mission: The American Foreign Service" to be published next spring by World. Next on the Hilton agenda: a book on "The Southeast," to be a volume in World's American Regions series.

BOOKS: Topping the New York Times' best seller list currently is **Ralph G. Martin's** "Jennie: The Life of Lady Randolph Churchill." Now in its eighth printing, it is also a Book of the Month Club selection; is No. 1 on the Publishers Weekly best-seller list; and has been sold to American Library for paperback reprint. . . . Making its first appearance last week on the Times' best-seller list is **Nino Lo Bello's** "The Vatican Empire." It's No. 9. . . . **Roland Gammon's** "All Believers Are Brothers" out July 18 via Doubleday. . . . "All the

News That Fits" by **Herman H. Dinsmore** (Arlington House) is a selection of the Conservative Book Club. . . . **Kenneth Anderson's** "The Field & Stream Guide to Physical Fitness" being published July 10 by Holt, Rinehart & Winston. . . . Dodd Mead has brought out "Confederate Surgeon" by **Sylvia G. L. Dannett** and Rosamond H. Burkart. It's for ages 14-18. . . . **Jack O'Dwyer** has published O'Dwyer's Directory of PR firms, first ever to list PR firms and complete account lists. . . . **Kennett Love's** 800-page volume on "Suez: The Twice-Fought War" has gone to press at McGraw-Hill for September publication. . . . Two minor heart attacks haven't slowed down **Al Hirshberg** much. Sports Illustrated has bought the book, "Hawk," which he wrote with Ken Harrelson, to be published in book form later by Viking. He is now working on three more books and reports that an oldie he wrote with Clinton T. Duffy, ex-warden of San Quentin, has been sold in the last few months to publishers in Spain, Italy and France.



YACHT OUTING: Wendell Sether, recently re-elected as Commodore of the Overseas Yacht Club, shares refreshment with **Charles Campbell** at June 21 outing of group at Larchmont Yacht Club. OYC, made up of yacht-minded OPCers, also recently named **Charles Schreiber**, executive vice commodore; **Barry Wilson**, secretary and treasurer; **Albert Wall**, flag officer; **Harold B. Berke**, sea lawyer; **Warren Kenn**, fleet captain; **Gloria Watson**, fleet flag; **Ralph Major, Jr.**, harbor master; **Arnold Abramson**, salvage master; **Robert Black**, safety officer; **George Dugan**, fleet chaplain; and **William Toulouse**, fleet surgeon.

ABOUT THOSE ORANGE BLOSSOMS IN THE LOBBY....

The OPC Clubhouse, frequently the setting for declarations from statesmen and politicians and kings, was the scene of declarations of simpler, sweeter kind recently — "I do."

The principals were Katherine Wolff Misch and Capt. Allan Robert Koritzinsky, who married in a June 8 ceremony in the Club's second floor. Reception and dinner followed on the tenth floor.

The bride is the daughter of OPC member **Robert Jay Misch**, writer and authority on wines. She is with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The bridegroom is with the Army Judge Advocate Corps in Washington. He is winner of the Army's Bronze Star and staff service medal of South Viet Nam first class. He was commended for his efforts in setting up legislation used in forming the South Viet Nam Supreme Court.

The Club's spiral staircase between the second and third floors was the setting for the bride's entrance for the wedding. Actor **Walter Abel** recited a Shakespeare sonnet, and his wife, Marietta, played the harp. **Bob Wright**, of the "Man of La Mancha" cast, sang.

It was the OPC's first marriage.

RADIO & TV: Guests of Johnny Carson on NBC-TV's "Tonight Show" recently included **Bennett Cerf** on June 19 and **Lowell Thomas** on June 25. . . . **Gabe Pressman** a panelist on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" interviewing NY Mayor Lindsay June 22. . . . **Herman Dinsmore**, former international editor of the NY Times, on Channel 9 June 22 to discuss "All the News That Fits." . . . ABC news national economic editor **Louis Rukeyser** interviewed Dr. Arthur F. Burns, educator and economist, on "Issues and Answers" June 29. . . . **Eugene Miller**, vice president of the Public Relations and Investor Services of the NY Stock Exchange, on Channel 9's "Stock Market Observer" June 25. . . . **William F. Buckley, Jr.**, on the Dick Cavett Show June 27. . . . WNBC-TV's "Searchlight" program of June 22 was an OPC reunion of sorts, with Past-Prexy **Victor Riesel**, Correspondents' Fund Prexy **Ben Grauer** and **Gabe Pressman** interviewing UFT president **Albert Shanker**.

SPEAKERS: LA Times' **Julian Hartt** spoke June 10 to the Aero-Jet-General Management Club on the Pueblo inquiry which he covered. . . . **Geraldine Fitch** addressed the Shanghai Tiffin Club June 19 on "The Mid-East Crisis," with slides of her April tour of Israel and Arab countries. . . . **Juliet Lowell** spoke to the Pennsylvania Academy of General Practice early in June and, later, to Vassar College. . . . NBC prexy **Julian Goodman** was the chief speaker at the

commencement exercises at the Anderson School at Staatsburg-on-Hudson, NY.

HONORS: **Carl Bakal's** "The Right to Bear Arms" cited in just-released official report of President's Commission on Violence. Bakal and his family off to Europe in July, visiting London, Amsterdam, Germany, Italy and France. . . . **Sidney Augstein** and his wife Barbara named "Businessman Pilots of the Year" by Ziff-Davis Publishing Co., producers of Flying and Business/Commercial Aviation magazines. . . . **Jack Harrison Pollack** won the American Bar Association's 1969 Gavel Award for a Parade article, "An Arresting Course for Police," based on the Michigan State University program informing police on arrest, search and seizure.

BORN: to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur M. Merrims**, a daughter, **Andrea Zena**, on June 9 at Flower and Fifth Ave. Hospital.

RECUPERATING from an operation in NY's Mount Sinai Hospital, **Jeffrey Blyth**, chief US correspondent for the London Daily Mail.

FILMS: **Robert Demme** handling unit publicity for ABC Pictures' "How Do I Love Thee," starring Jackie Gleason, Maureen O'Hara and Shelley Winters. It's currently in production in Miami.